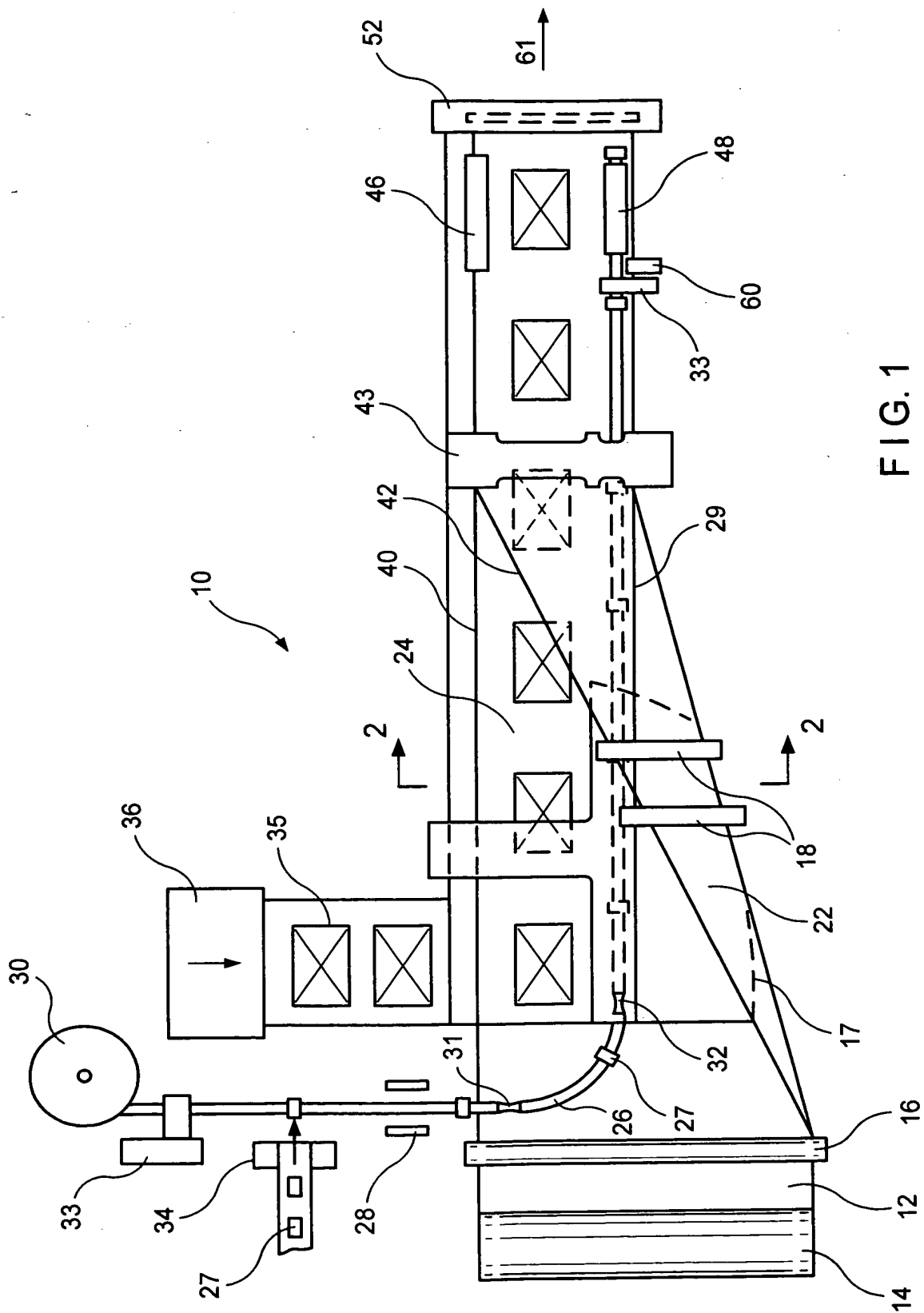


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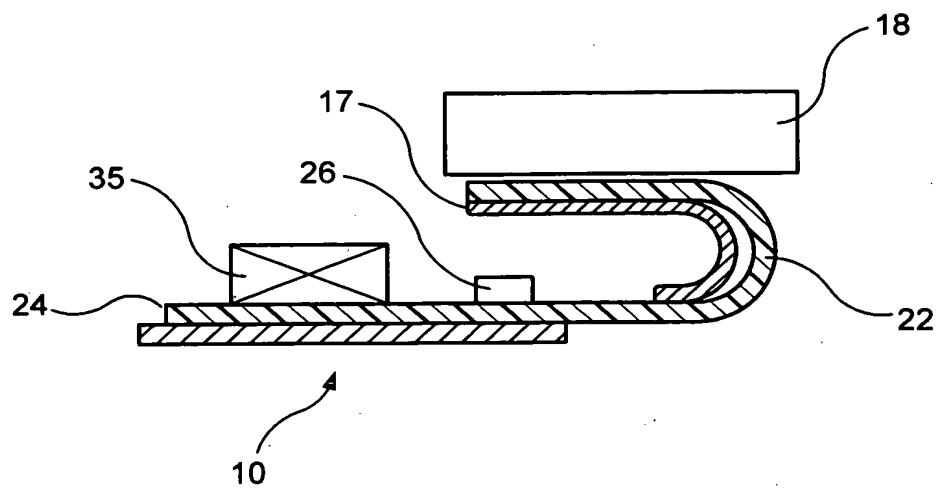


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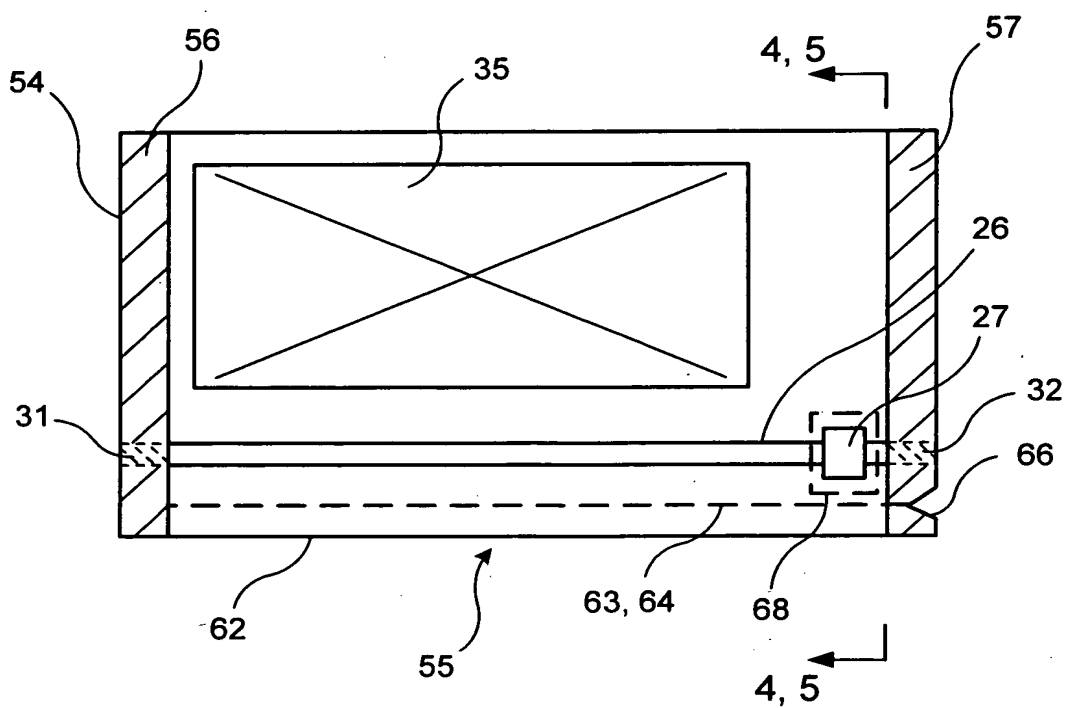


FIG. 3

FIG. 1 is a cross-sectional view of a medical device, such as a catheter or probe. The device consists of a central lumen (35) surrounded by an outer sheath (55). The proximal end (top) features a handle assembly (22) with a trigger mechanism (24) and a proximal flange (27). A dashed line (68) indicates a retracted state of the sheath. A small opening (62) is located at the very top of the handle. The distal end (bottom) features a tapered tip (40) with a small opening (42). The device is shown in a partially retracted state.

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FIG. 5

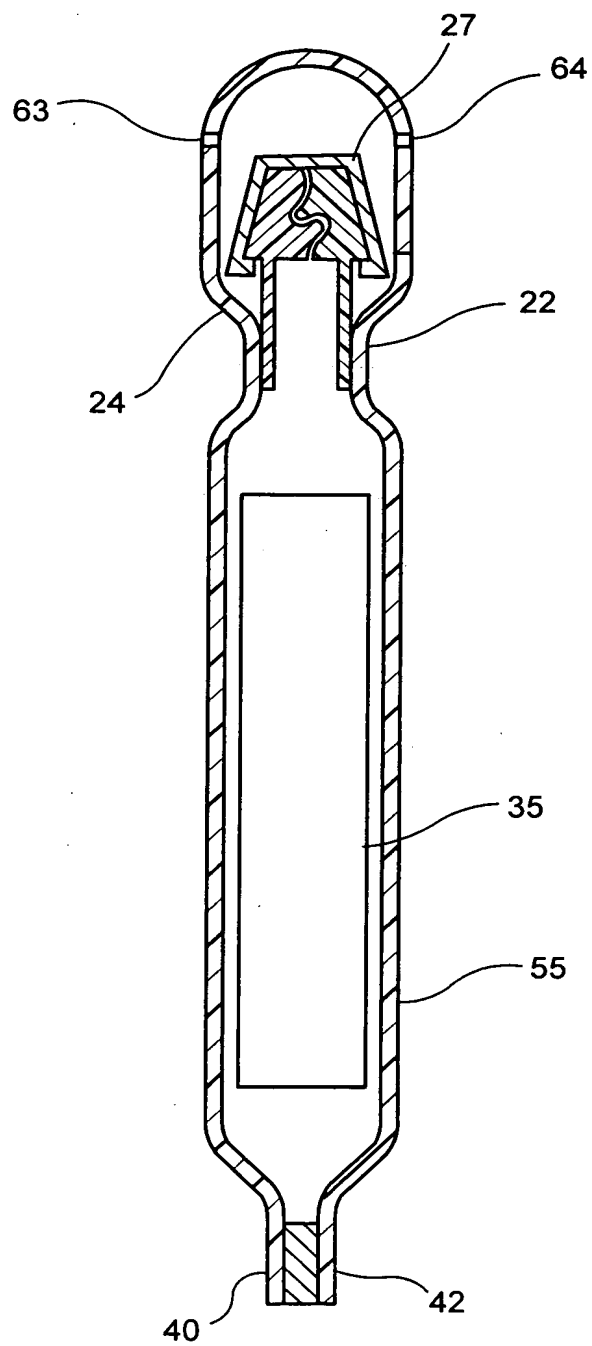


FIG. 5